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The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I am sorry I was not clear but if supervision is necessary we would like to have the minimum of supervision."

Mr. F. E. JAMES :—" Then the hon. the Chief Minister is prepared to accept some kind of supervision."

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" That depends upon what will be the final agreement come to between the Government of India and ourselves."

Representation of the depressed classes in the local bodies.

*1468 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether there are any municipalities and district boards which contain no representatives of the depressed classes and if so, which they are ; and

(b) what are the taluk boards that have representatives of the depressed classes as nominated members ?

A.—(a) Yes ; the municipal councils of Anantapur, Walajapet, Erode, Tirupur, Chicacole, Ongole, Tenali, Kodaikanal, Cochin, Tellicherry, Sivakasi, Virudhunagar, Mayavaram and Karur.

(b) Government have no information in the matter as nominations to taluk boards are made by the presidents of district boards concerned.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY :—" The answer to clause (a) mentions certain municipalities which contain no representatives of the depressed classes. May I know, Sir, why no members of the depressed classes have been nominated to those councils ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" It was not found easy to get representatives of these communities."

Mr. A. B. SHETTY :—" May I know, Sir, whether there are any district boards to which representatives of the depressed classes have not been nominated ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" As far as I am aware all district boards contain representatives of depressed classes."

Election of women and depressed classes to local bodies.

*1469 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether there are any municipalities or local boards to which women or any depressed class people have been elected as members ?

A.—

Ladies.—Under section 48 (1) (b) of the Madras District Municipalities Act, 1920, ladies are disqualified for election to municipal councils. One lady has been elected to a local board, namely, Srimathi Sivabhagyam Ammal to the Ramnad Union Board.